

DEATH BY LIGHTNING

Tolar Christian Instantly Killed While at Work in an Open Field.

WAS ALONE AT THE TIME.

Gentlemen Returning from the Ball-Field Saw Him, But He Was Dead When Physicians Arrived—A Young Lady Shocked.

Tolar C. Christian, a white man about 35 years of age, and one of the city's street hands, was struck by lightning during the severe thunderstorm yesterday afternoon and instantly killed.

Christian was at work upon West avenue, which is just opposite Richmond College, and parallel with Franklin street, when at the very beginning of the storm, and before more than a few drops of rain had fallen, a bolt of lightning struck him on the right temple, from which it glanced to the breast and thence to the right hip.

At the time no one was in the field through which the new street is being run, and the only persons who witnessed the lightning's work were some gentlemen returning from the baseball game, and who at the time were quite a distance from the spot upon which Christian met his death. Strange as it may seem, nor did he see the flash of lightning, nor notice that there was an unusual clap of thunder. Indeed, they did not realize that the man had been struck until they were immediately opposite him, and saw that he was prostrate upon the ground.

Then they went to the spot, and, upon ascertaining the truth, telephoned for the ambulance, which arrived in charge of Dr. Labenberg. The ambulance surgeon, seeing that the man was dead, promptly notified Coroner Taylor and turned the case over to him.

Dr. Taylor is the body removed to the residence of the deceased, No. 406 West Broad street, where he made a careful examination of the marks inflicted by lightning's stroke. He found that there was an abrasion on the right temple an inch and a half long and three eighths of an inch wide; there was a mark upon the breast as if it had been burned, and the right hip looked as if it had been ripped with a knife. There was no distortion about the face, however, or any other marks upon the body. The eyes were closed, but the pupils were found to be widely dilated. The body rapidly discolored, the blood setting very fast.

The lightning had apparently left the body of the man after reaching the hip, and passed to the ground through the shoe, though the latter was uninjured. The deceased leaves a wife, but no children.

This is the second case of death by lightning which has come under Coroner Taylor's official notice in Richmond. The first was that of Richard Thompson, a colored teamster, who was struck by lightning on Seventeenth street, June 8, 1891. A rather remarkable fact in the case occurred just about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and as in the case of Christian, the colored man was struck at the beginning of a storm, before the rain had commenced to fall. The most remarkable coincidence, however, is that both men were engaged in the same kind of work—shovelling dirt. Dr. Taylor said that he heard of two other cases of lightning striking men in the city, but neither of these were reported to him. Several deaths have occurred in the country from this cause.

Living east of Fulton, who were killed by lightning in the summer of 1892.

A GIRL SEVERELY STUNNED.

The storm of yesterday was rather severe, though little or no damage was done to property. The first was the case of a young girl, who was sewing for the Herclanum spectacle, at the Exposition-Grounds, was shocked by a stroke of lightning, and it was nearly an hour before she recovered. She was then taken to her home on High street.

Excursions Down the River.

The first Baptist Sunday school carried between 40 and 50 people down to West-Over yesterday on the steamer Ariel on their annual picnic. They came home delighted with their trip.

The steamer Pocahontas took tonight excursion.

Picnic at Lakeside Park.

The all-day picnic of the Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten will take place at Lakeside Park today, unless the weather is unfavorable. Should this be the case, the entertainment, which will be a very attractive one, will be given on Monday.

EX-JUDGE DICKERSON.

Arrival of His Remains at Floyd Cemetery.

FLOYD COURTHOUSE, June 18.—(Special.)—The remains of ex-Judge M. C. Dickerson, who died in Bluefield, on the night of the 16th instant, after an illness of only a few hours, arrived here today. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dickerson and her five children. Mr. Charles Dickerson, a brother of the deceased, Messrs. C. W. Talbert, H. H. Huller, J. D. Shott, and E. P. Godbey, of Bluefield, members of the Old-Fellows and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Judge Dickerson was 45 years old and was a native of this country. During the Mahone regime he was elected Judge of the County Court of Floyd. He was a member of the Virginia bar, and he had several relatives in this country.

Copious and refreshing rains have fallen here within the past twenty-four hours.

A Revenue Appointment.

LYNCHBURG, VA., June 18.—(Special.)—Captain William H. Fowle, acting Collector of the Western Internal Revenue District of Virginia, has appointed Mr. Lawrence Washington stamp deputy at Alexandria to succeed the late Mr. George Washington, whose death occurred at Alexandria, Va., early in May.

Mr. Lawrence Washington is a son of the late Colonel John Augustine Washington, who was the owner of Mount Vernon, and who served during the war on General Robert E. Lee's staff.

Gold Reserve, \$103,038,188.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business today stood at \$103,038,188. The day's withdrawals were \$125,100.

Cards, Bill-Heads, Statements, Letter-Heads, Note-Heads, Circulars, Handbills, Dodgers, etc., printed by the Dispatch Company at low prices. Will give you good work at same prices you pay for inferior work. Send us your orders and we will guarantee satisfaction in every particular.

LEE'S PICTURE FOR SALE.

A PICTURE OF GENERAL R. E. LEE, being a 5 inch by 8 inch photograph, may be bought cheap for cash. Apply to A. KAUFMANN, 319 east Franklin street, Je 19-21.

HORSES, MULES, COWS, &c.

A PAIR OF BAY MARES FOR SALE. Gentle, sound, and well matched. Apply at 1319 east Cary street. Je 19-17.

BICYCLES FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, CHEAP, TWO LADIES' WHEELER-ONE 1888 Model, 497, one 1889 Model, 530. Only used about two months. Also, Second-Hand Gentlemen's Wheels of all makes. Apply to J. H. DENSON, 821 Main street.

When the full prices are boiled down to a mere pittance of REAL VALUES, what could you expect to see at

COHEN'S on Remnant Days?

When the fortunes of men change hands there is indisputable good coming to certain other directions and localities.

THE DEAL WITH FORTUNES

through the advantages possessed by the PEOPLE'S STORE brings the happy results so prominent with the dealings of this storekeeping.

YOU'LL BUY QUICK TO-DAY.

The bargains pinned to each article as drawn from this immense stock and termed "Remnant" is the fortunate opportunity for living in Richmond, where you can have free and easy access to COHEN'S STORE.

READ OF THESE REMARKABLE THINGS.

The only disappointing feature is that in nearly every instance the goods are far ahead of the description or value given.

SILK REMNANTS

at prices that'll make you think Cotton Fabrics are higher than Silk.

21-inch Black Real Hand-Woven India Silk Remnants, such quantities as 40 and 50 yards, usually 1 yard, 6 and 7 yards length, for 15c. a yard.

Woven Dresden Taffeta Silk Remnants for 25c. a yard, for 25c. a yard.

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25 latest style Ladies' Turn-Over Collars, \$1.50 value, Remnant Price, 3 for 25c.

Remnant day at our Corset Department means bargains indeed.

4 Corsets, \$2 value; Remnant Price, 75c.

3 Corsets, \$1 value; Remnant Price, 60c.

19 Ventilating Corsets, \$1 value, for 60c.

25 Corsets, \$1c. value, for 50c.

TOILET REMNANTS.

12 pieces of 7-9 Chambray, 10c. value, for 5c. each.

2 Hot-Water Bags (2-quart size), 80c. value, for 50c. each.

4 sticks of Crispine, for keeping the hair in curl, 50c. value, for 12c. each.

6 cakes of good Toilet Soap, 2-1/2c. value, for 10c.

5 French-Plate Glass Hand-Mirrors, 25c. value, for 10c. each.

NOTION REMNANTS.

4 Tape Measures, 25c. sort, for 5c. each.

1 Yoke of Antler Stocking Garters, slightly recommended by physicians for health and comfort, 50c. value, for 25c. pair.

20 pieces of 8-10c. value, for 25c. pair.

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